



EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT

"Dedicated to Serve"

2015

Annual Report

Truth, Honesty, Integrity...

It is the mission of the El Paso Police Department to provide services with integrity and dedication, to preserve life, to enforce the law, and to work in partnership with the community to enhance the quality of life in the City of El Paso.

We respect life...

We hold the preservation of life as our sacred duty. Our value of human life set our priorities.

We revere the truth...

We accept nothing less than truth, honesty and integrity in our profession.

We enforce the law...

We recognize that our basic responsibility is to enforce the law. Our role is to resolve problems through the law, not to judge or punish.

We seek community partnership...

We view the people of our community as partners who deserve our concern, care and attention. We are committed to reducing the fear of crime in our community, and we endeavor to do this by creating partnerships in our neighborhoods.

We honor our police powers...

We understand that our police powers are derived from the people we serve. We do not tolerate the abuse of our police authority.

We conduct ourselves with dignity...

We recognize that our personal conduct, both on and off duty, is inseparable from the professional reputation of both the officer and the department.

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Message from the Chief

A feeling of safety and security is vital to the economic growth and prosperity of any city. In order to achieve this, the citizens and police department must maintain a relationship and continue to work together as a team. Working in this manner, our conjoined efforts have a stronger and longer lasting impact on crime. This year's annual report shows that our sustained relationship with the community has continued the momentum in the reduction of crime.

As we begin another year, we find that our city remains among the safest in the nation. Last year came to a close with a 7% overall decrease in Part 1 Index Crimes. This is all the more impressive considering this was accomplished in light of an increase in our city's population and maintaining the same or less police department personnel. This accomplishment could only be attained through the corroborative efforts of our citizens and the dedicated hard work of the members of our police department. I am committed to continuing this partnership as I keep the safety of all persons in the City of El Paso a top priority. I look forward to 2016 as an even more prosperous and safe year for the City of El Paso and all its residents.

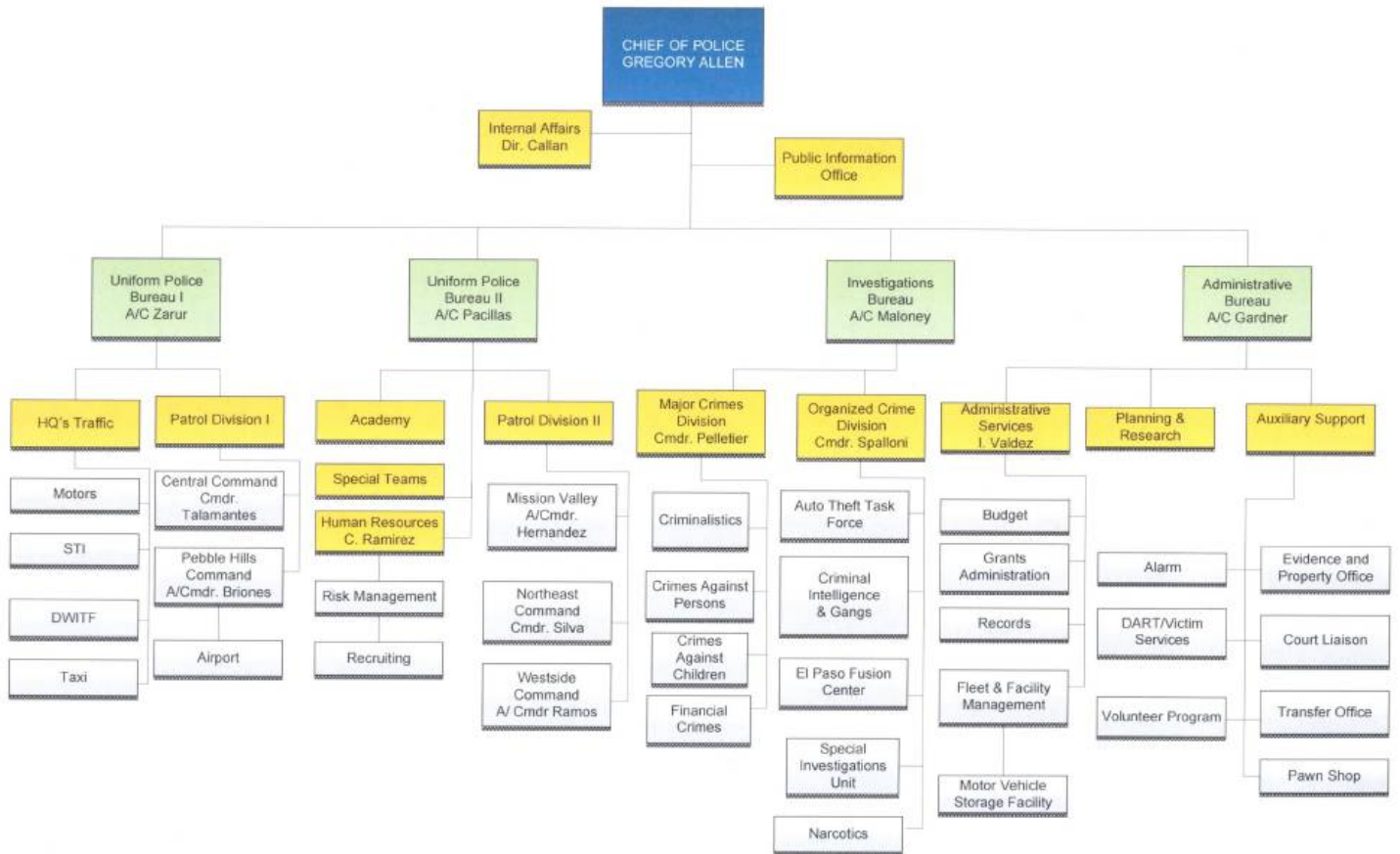
Gregory K. Allen
Chief of Police



Organizational Chart

EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Effective November 15, 2015




Chief Gregory Allen

Executive Staff



Gregory K. Allen

Chief of Police



Carlos Ramirez

Director Police Human

Resources



Peter F. Pacillas

Assistant Chief

Uniform Police Services II



Michelle M. Gardner

Assistant Chief

Administrative Bureau



Patrick Maloney

Assistant Chief

Investigations Bureau



Victor Zarur

Assistant Chief

Uniform Police Services I



Jennifer Callan

Director

Internal Affairs

Command Staff



Humberto Talamantes

Commander

*Central Regional
Command*



Ignacio Hernandez

A/Commander

*Mission Valley
Command*



Zina Silva

Commander

*Northeast Regional
Command*



Juan Briones

Commander

*Pebble Hills Regional
Command*



Roberto Ramos

A/Commander

*Wests Side Regional
Command*



Patrick Pelletier

Commander

Criminal Investigations



Marco Spalloni

Commander

Organized Crime



Isaura Valdez

Administrative Services

Manager



Steven Lopez

Lieutenant

Training Academy



Steven Schmidt

Lieutenant

Special Services

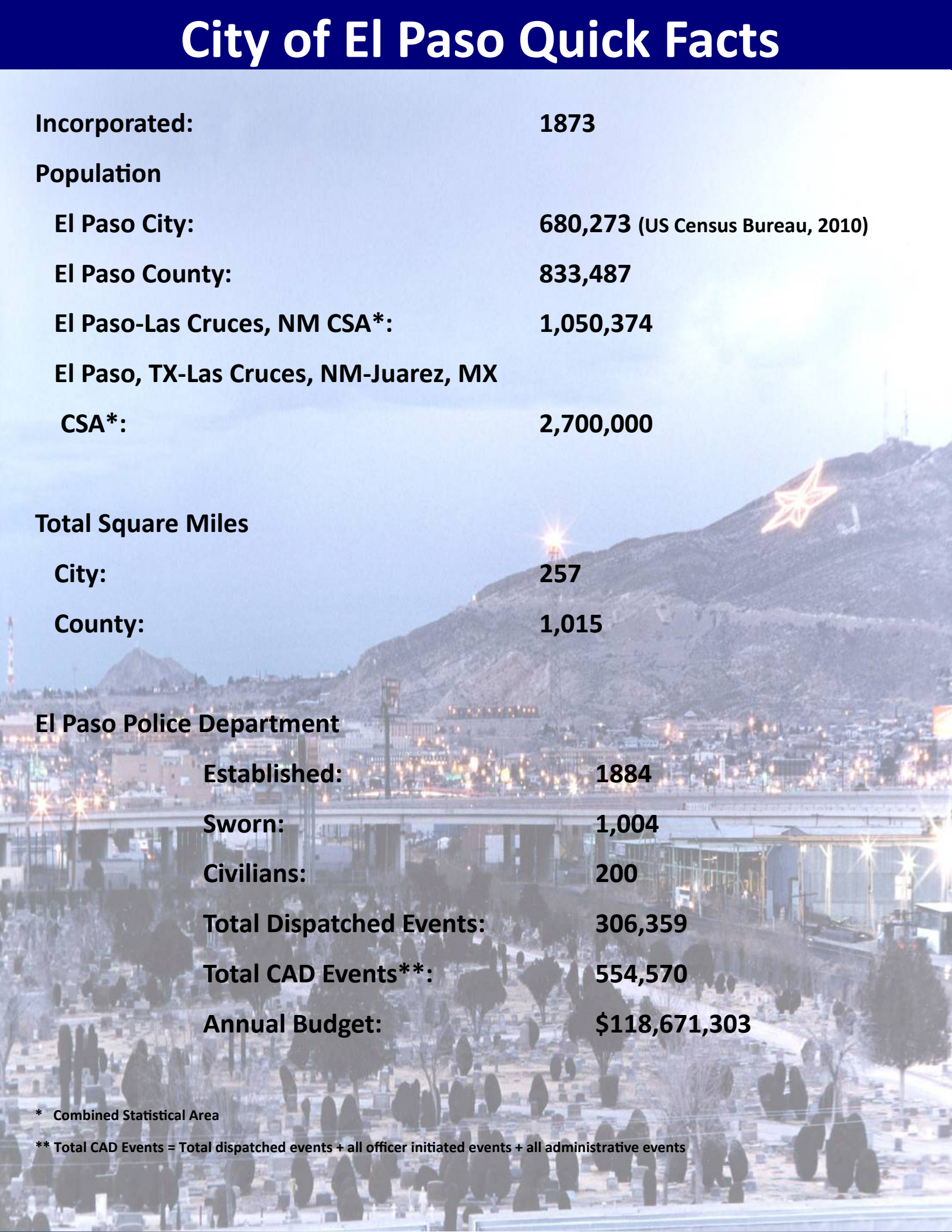


Jose Gomez

Lieutenant

Support Services

City of El Paso Quick Facts



Incorporated:	1873
Population	
El Paso City:	680,273 (US Census Bureau, 2010)
El Paso County:	833,487
El Paso-Las Cruces, NM CSA*:	1,050,374
El Paso, TX-Las Cruces, NM-Juarez, MX CSA*:	2,700,000

Total Square Miles	
City:	257
County:	1,015

El Paso Police Department

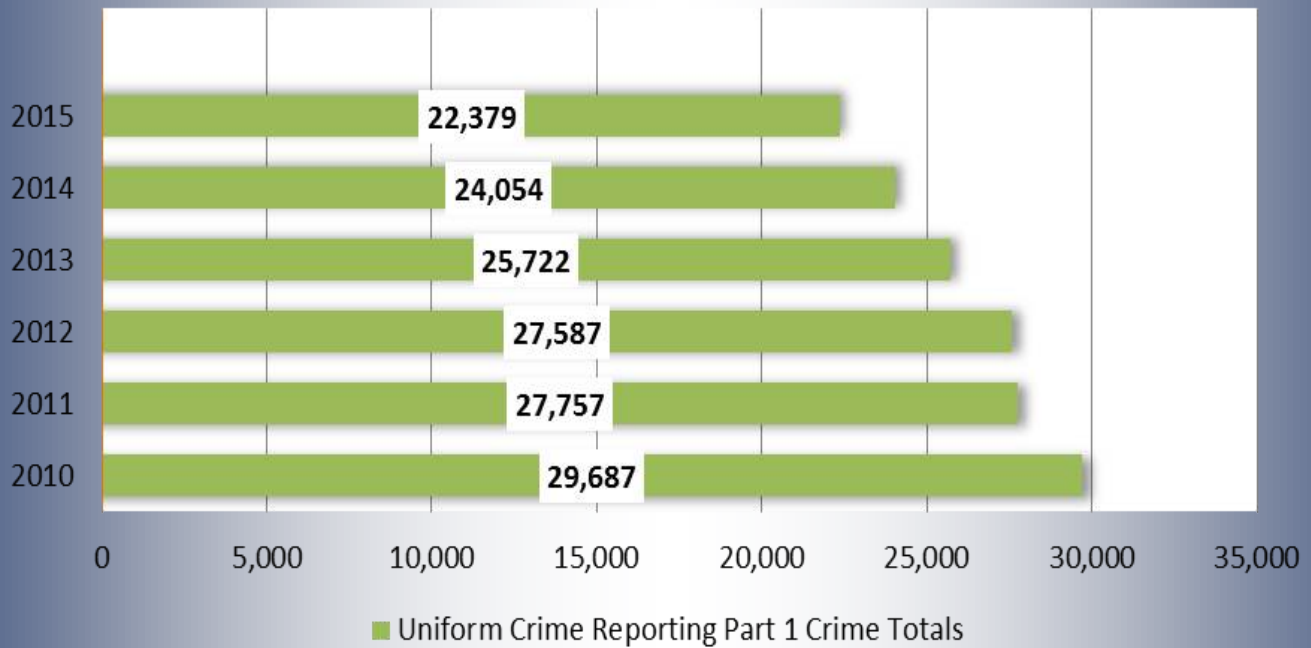
Established:	1884
Sworn:	1,004
Civilians:	200
Total Dispatched Events:	306,359
Total CAD Events**:	554,570
Annual Budget:	\$118,671,303

* Combined Statistical Area

** Total CAD Events = Total dispatched events + all officer initiated events + all administrative events

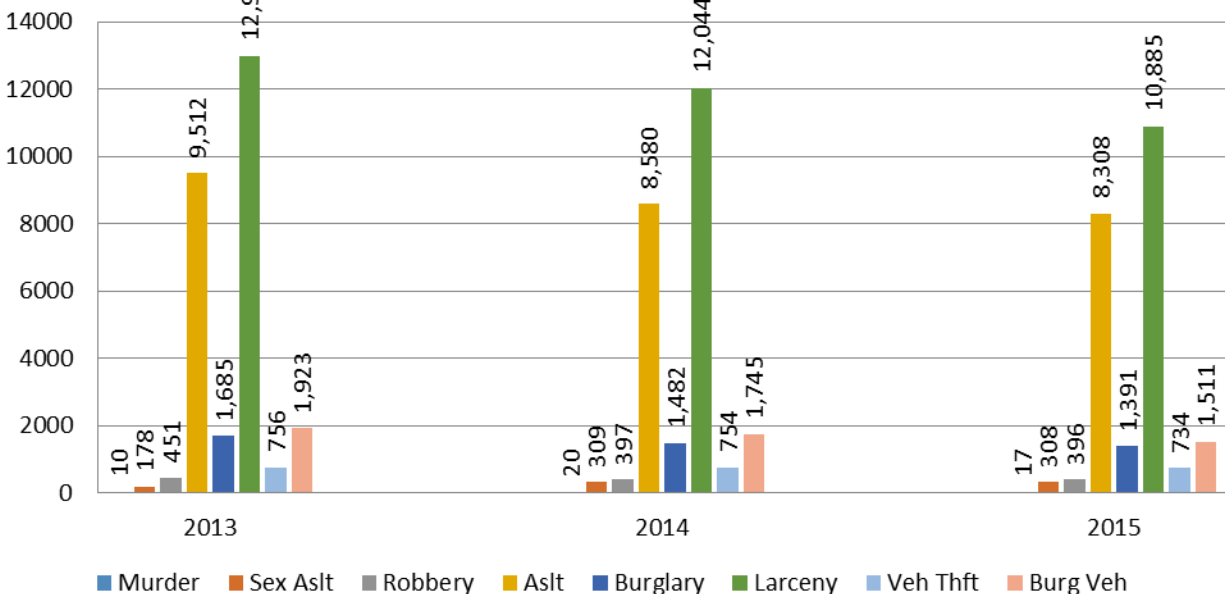
Uniform Crime Reporting & Part 1

Uniform Crime Reporting Part 1 Crime Totals



UCR Part 1 Crimes include: Murder, Sexual Asslt, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Larceny, Vehicle Theft, & Burglary of Vehicle

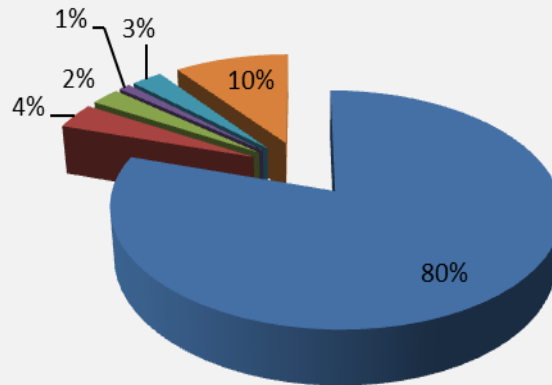
Crime Breakdown 2013-2015



E.P.P.D. Demographics

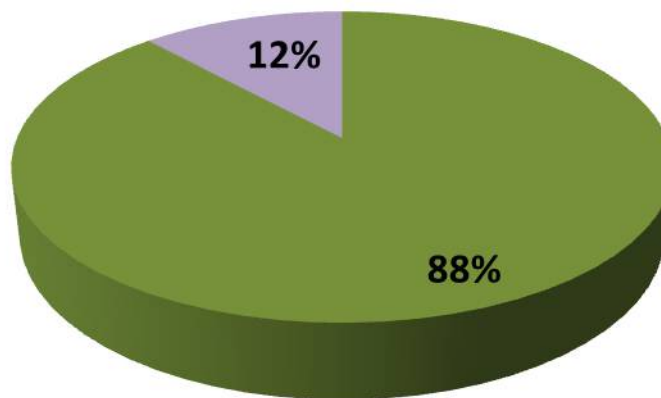
Sworn Officer Demographics

■ Hispanic (79.2%) ■ White (3.68%) ■ African American(2.5%)
■ Pacific Islander(1%) ■ American Indian(2.7%) ■ Other N/A (10%)

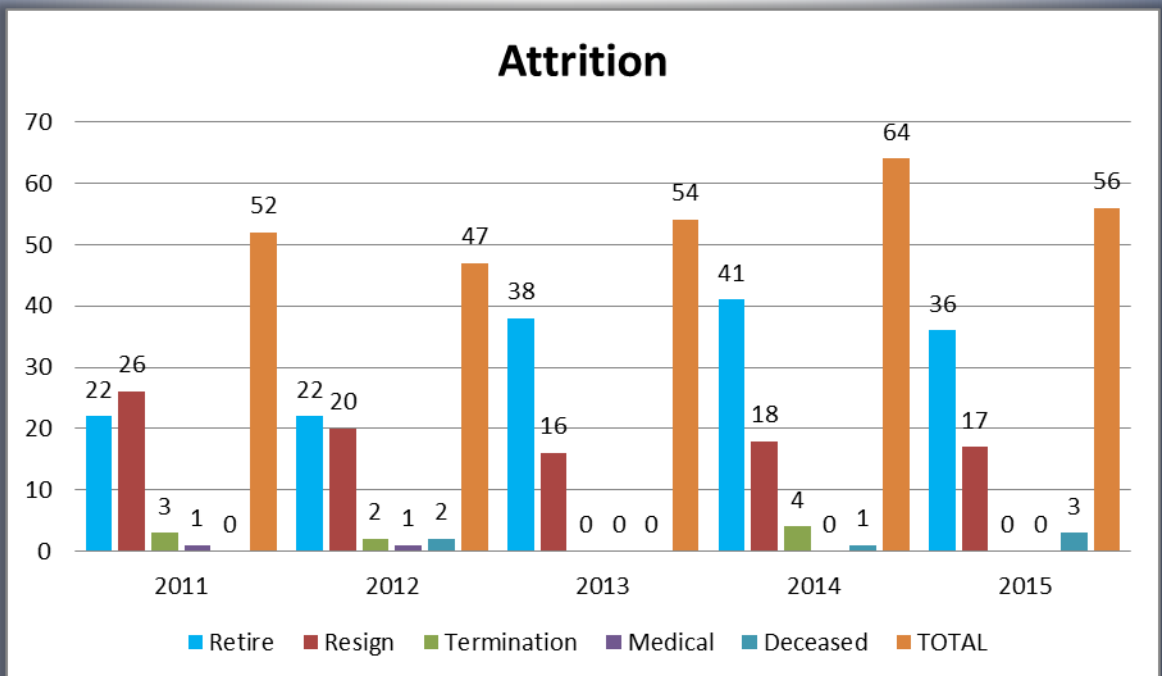
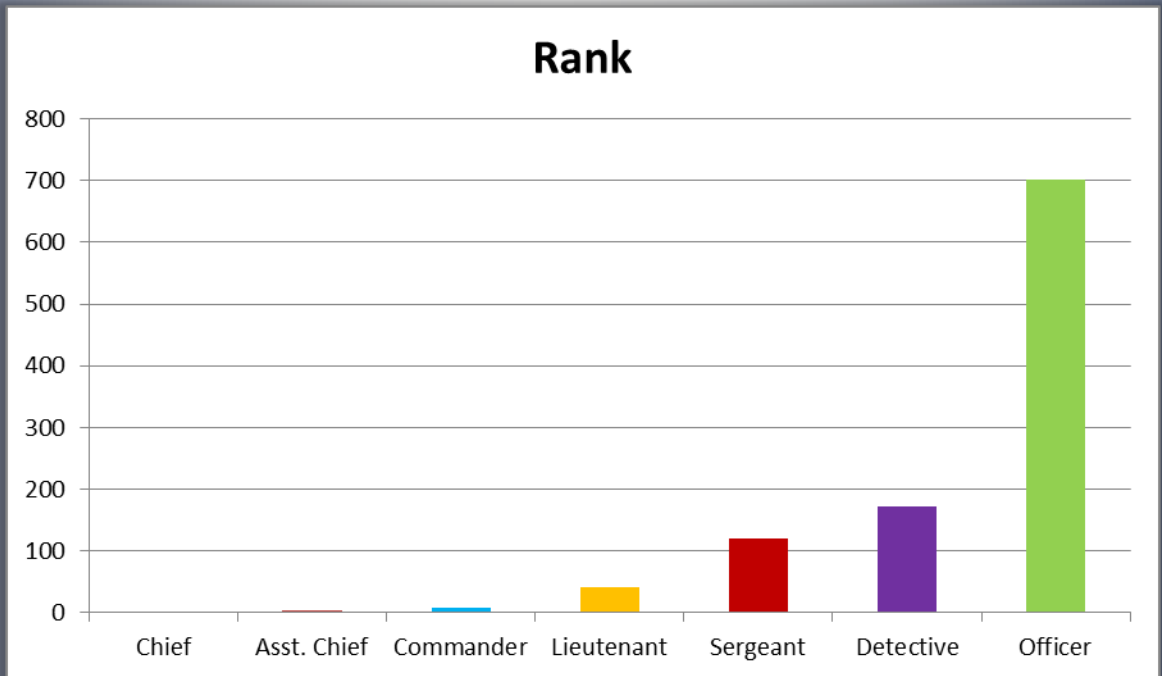


Sworn Officer by Gender

■ Male ■ Female



Personnel



EPPD Regional Command Centers



Mission Valley Regional Command Center



Central Regional Command Center



Northeast Regional Command Center

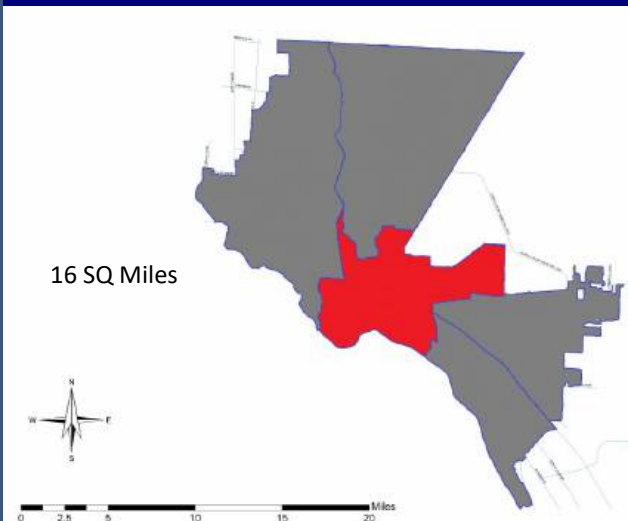


Pebble Hills Regional Command Center



Westside Regional Command Center

Central Regional Command



Humberto Talamantes—Commander
Central Regional Command
200 S. Campbell St
El Paso, TX 79901
(915) 212-0210

Population: 84, 673



Offense	2014	2015	% Change
Murder	4	4	0%
Sexual Assault	55	67	22%
Robbery	117	125	7%
Assault	1,643	1,507	-8%
Burglary	306	288	-6%
Larceny	2,064	1,763	-15%
Vehicle Theft	209	190	-9%
*Burg Vehicle	430	268	-38%
Total:	4,398	3,944	-10%

*Burglary Vehicle included in the "Total" as a component of Larceny

2015 was another successful year for the Central Regional Command in crime reduction. In the past eight years, CRCC has seen a reduction in crime of approximately 46%. This is attributed largely to the citizens of our community working in conjunction with the regional command by reporting suspicious or criminal activity they observe in their neighborhoods or business areas. The reporting of abandoned vehicles, graffiti, and notifications of dilapidated buildings to the Police Area Representatives (PAR) or 311 has had a great impact on quality of life issues. This limits the locations for minors, vagrants, and the criminal element to hide or gain a foothold within our community. Notification to the PAR officer of the vagrants or those in need, has allowed us to take the appropriate steps to offer them the resources needed.

The Chihuahua Baseball games, have brought more citizens into the downtown area. The Entertainment District, the surrounding businesses, and neighborhoods have seen many more public events taking place in a very large area of downtown during both day and night hours. These events have been watched over by a combined effort of the bike and police patrol sections. Despite all this growth and considering the significant increase of vehicle and pedestrian traffic, and businesses located in the downtown area, the crime and quality of life issues have been successfully handled by an increased police presence.

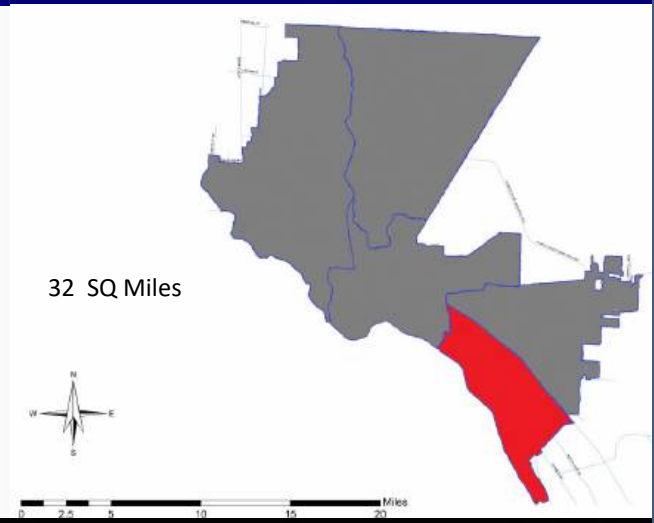
Traffic fatalities are down within the region due to traffic enforcement and mostly voluntary compliance of traffic laws. A goal of any police department is voluntary compliance to improve public safety, whether it is a traffic violation, criminal activity, or quality of life issues, which affect our city. This has been demonstrated consistently year after year with a city wide decrease in crime. This success can be attributed mainly to the exceptional cooperation of citizens and the El Paso Police Department, as we could not hope to control such a vast area without the distinguished citizens in our community taking responsibility for their businesses and neighborhoods.

Mission Valley Regional Command



Lt. Ignacio Hernandez
Acting Commander
Mission Valley Regional Command
9011 Escobar
El Paso, TX 79907
(915) 872-3600

Population: 209, 737



Offense	2014	2015	% Change
Murder	4	0	-100%
Sexual Assault	41	48	17%
Robbery	46	41	-11%
Assault	1,340	1,355	1%
Burglary	203	208	2%
Larceny	1,759	1,483	-16%
Vehicle Theft	103	101	-2%
*Burg Vehicle	181	151	-17%
Total:	3,496	3,236	-7%

*Burglary Vehicle included in the "Total" as a component of Larceny

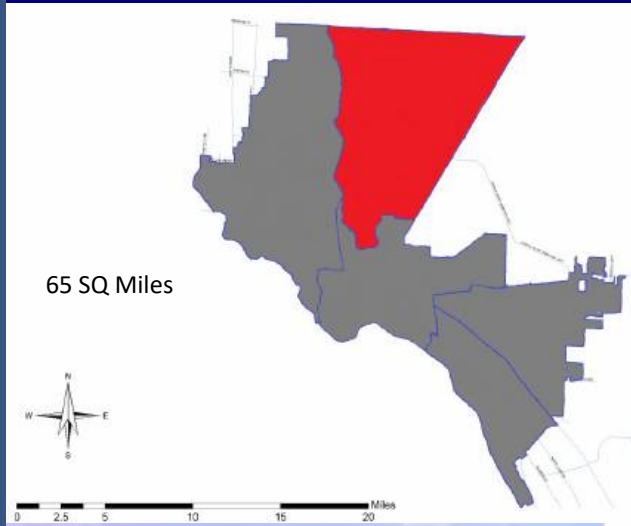


The Mission Valley Regional Command Center (MVRCC) successfully completed 2015 with one of the City's lowest crime rates. This feat was accomplished because of the work of many to include our community, officers, civilians, and detectives. In 2015, the region experienced joyful events and weathered some dark days. We were saddened with the passing of TAC Officer Adrian Arellano in March. His untimely passing was a result of a motorcycle crash while working a funeral escort. We were also proud of longtime MVRCC Commander Victor Zarur who was promoted to Assistant Chief of Police in August 2015. He was a key figure at MVRCC, who over the eight years led the region and promoted quality police service and personal accountability. The personnel at MVRCC endured and overcame these changes through dedication and an unwavering commitment to faithfully serving the community and our city.

Despite the dwindling numbers of staff due to retirements, promotions and transfers, Patrol Operations continue to be our strength here at MVRCC.

For 10 of the 12 months, Day Shift personnel were selected for recognition as the MVRCC Citizens Advisory Board Officer of the month. The day shift officers demonstrate a strong work ethic and continuous high quality of service to the community of the Mission Valley. These officers were recognized for outstanding arrests, for consistently performing at a high level, by conducting superior preliminary investigations and for showing extreme compassion and kindness to victims of crimes. MVRCC Evening Patrol covered portions of the day considered the busiest. The officers deploy from 1400-0000 hours with the busiest peak of the shift from 1700-1900. During these peak times, officers respond to a large volume of calls for service, however, make time to engage the community by attending community meetings, visiting convenience stores and patrolling the area. Graveyard shift officers made an arrest on September 21, 2015 reference a burglary of vehicle in progress. It was learned that the person was responsible for twenty two burglaries ending the victimization of many persons living or visiting the Mission Valley area. MVRCC CID/TAC and Special Operations continue producing results with outstanding investigations and arrests through teamwork and proactive enforcement. The personnel at the MVRCC look forward to serving the community through continued partnerships with stakeholders, residents, and visitors of the community.

Northeast Regional Command



Zina Silva—Commander
Northeast Regional Command
9600 Dyer St
El Paso, TX 79924
(915) 759-2000

Population: 109, 433



Offense	2014	2015	% Change
Murder	5	6	20%
Sexual Assault	71	67	-6%
Robbery	92	88	-4%
Assault	1,766	1,749	0%
Burglary	277	311	12%
Larceny	2,357	2,254	-4%
Vehicle Theft	112	114	2%
*Burg Vehicle	257	244	-5%
Total:	4,680	4,589	-2%

*Burglary Vehicle included in the "Total" as a component of Larceny

The Northeast Regional Command Center (NERC) is located at 9600 Dyer and serves a population of approximately 115,000 citizens in a 65.7 square mile area. The NERC staff assignments consist of Criminal Investigations/Tactical Section, Traffic, Crime Prevention, and Patrol.

In 2015 the NERC experienced a 2% decrease in crime as compared to 2014. This was due, in part, to the teamwork of all sections resulting in clearance rates of 82% in assault cases, and 73% in aggravated assault cases, two of the most high profile crimes in the northeast area.

The Traffic section issued 12,689 citations, along with handling and investigating motor vehicle accidents. Community Services provided 149 presentations and attended 18 neighborhood watch meetings. The unit also participated in 118 multi-agency sweeps which include bar checks with Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission (TABC), abandoned auto sweeps and transient sweeps with Code Compliance, curb stoning operations with Auto Theft Task Force (ATTF), restaurant violation sweeps with the Health Department, and warrant round-ups with the Sheriffs Office and the U.S. Marshalls Office.

All patrol shifts participated in crime reduction as well:

- Day shift patrol made 633 arrests for the year and also assisted with giving turkeys to needy families during the Thanksgiving Season.
- Evening shift patrol over 1000 arrests and assisted with a successful search and rescue of stranded mountain climbers in the Trans Mountain area.
- Graveyard shift had a total of 1,659 arrests while removing 7 firearms from offenders. They also conducted 50 felony drug arrests.

All three shifts combined, netted a total of 3,292 arrests, several being felony drug arrests, removed firearms from violent offenders, and responded to over 65,000 calls for service.

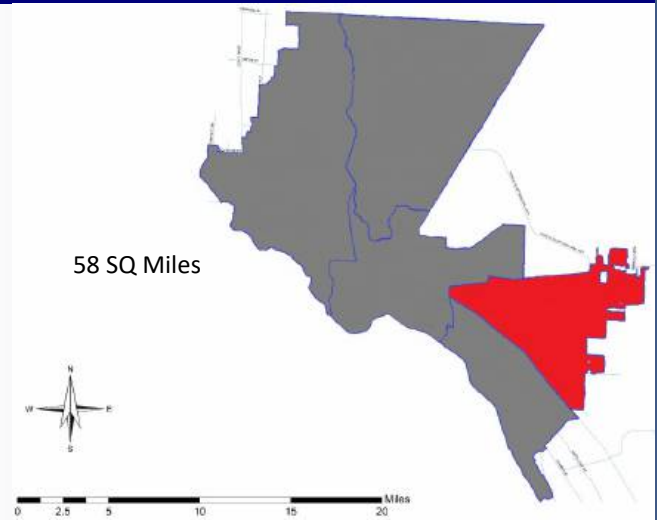
The NERCC credits its success in reducing crime through its positive partnership with the community and proactive crime reduction efforts.

Pebble Hills Regional Command



Juan F. Briones—Commander
Pebble Hills Regional Command
10780 Pebble Hills Blvd
El Paso, TX 79936
(915) 212-0190

Population: 210, 737



Offense	2014	2015	% Change
Murder	6	5	-17%
Sexual Assault	108	91	-16%
Robbery	103	108	5%
Assault	2,836	2,761	-3%
Burglary	449	406	-10%
Larceny	4,073	3,770	-7%
Vehicle Theft	234	248	6%
*Burg Vehicle	563	556	-1%
Total:	7,809	7,389	-5%

*Burglary Vehicle included in the "Total" as a component of Larceny



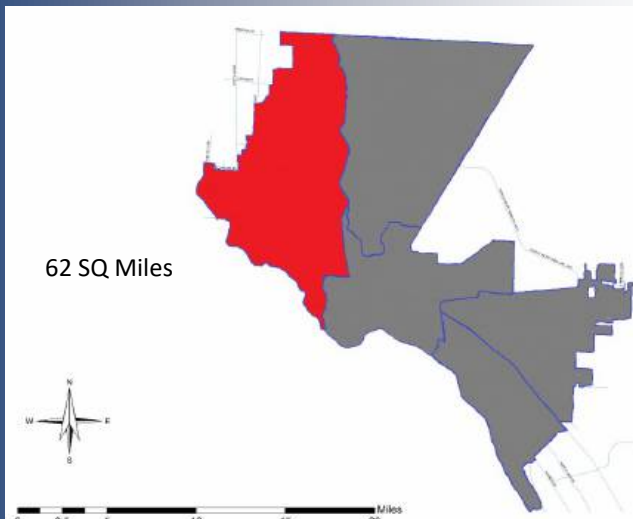
The Pebble Hills Regional Command (PHRC) serves eastern El Paso which has experienced a substantial amount of growth and has a population of over 217,000 in a geographic area of 58 square miles. The officers and civilians of the PHRC are assigned to Patrol, Traffic, Criminal Investigations, Juvenile Investigations, or Community Services.

The PHRC Criminal Investigation Section created several initiatives to combat and reduce crime. The CID section also implemented a retail theft/beer run incentive. This consists of two detectives working in conjunction with businesses to help improve the communication process, allowing the business employees to feel more comfortable when interacting with the Police Department. This transitioned to a much smoother process for obtaining evidence, photo lineups, and witness information.

In 2015, PHRCC officers Evening Shift officers handled 26,845 patrol calls, 14,839 traffic related calls (traffic accidents and traffic stops); and 5,201 community policing related calls (checking businesses, residences). With the growing popularity of the east side nightclub districts, PHRCC has focused their efforts on DWI enforcement and crime prevention.

The dedicated officers and civilians of the PHRC continue to build and maintain strong partnerships with the community in order to improve the quality of life and address crime.

West Side Regional Command



Lt. Roberto Ramos
Acting Commander
Westside Regional Command
4801 Osborne Dr.
El Paso, TX 79922
(915) 585-6000

Population: 112,667



Offense	2014	2015	% Change
Murder	1	2	100%
Sexual Assault	37	37	0%
Robbery	46	39	-15%
Assault	1,153	1,058	-8%
Burglary	264	194	-27%
Larceny	2,000	1,791	-10%
Vehicle Theft	110	100	-9%
*Burg Vehicle	343	321	-6%
Total:	3,611	3,221	-11%

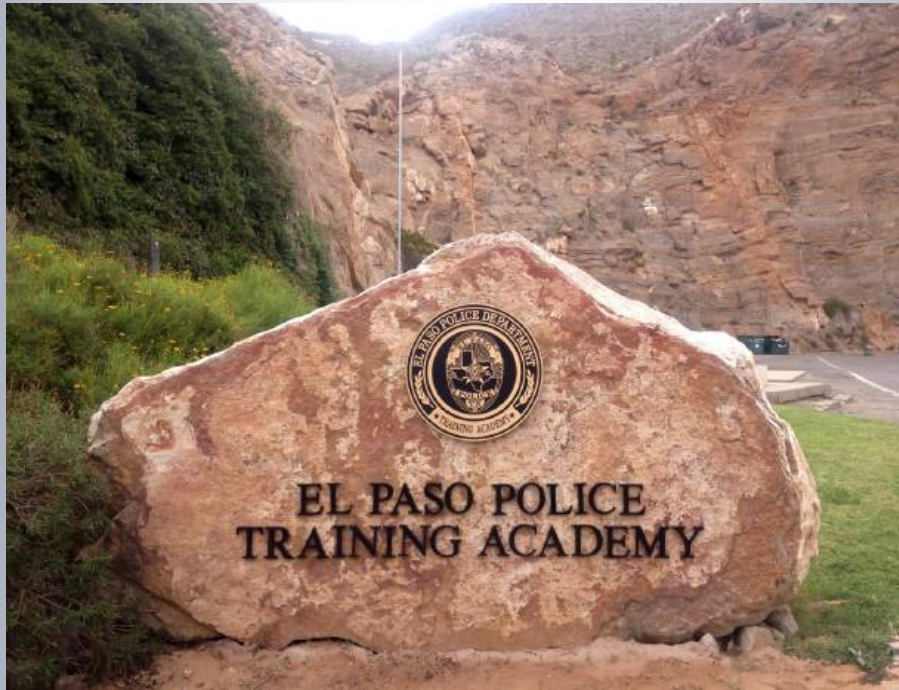
*Burglary Vehicle included in the "Total" as a component of Larceny

The Westside Regional command is staffed with 116 sworn officers and 3 civilian personnel. Lt. Roberto Ramos is the Acting Commander for the west side region. The WSRC saw an amazing decrease in crime of 11% . This was primarily due to patrol units being proactive and conducting good preliminary investigations. All personnel worked as a team to combat crime and the results speak for themselves.

The CID unit was responsible for investigating numerous offenses to include family violence, assaults, criminal mischiefs, white collar crimes, interference with child custody and robberies. For 2015, the CID unit executed over 30 search warrants to include vehicles, residences, and cell phones. The unit was also responsible for over 100 arrests. These arrests resulted in several confessions that involved high profile cases. The unit was able to clear 44% of the robberies this year.

In 2015, the TAC unit obtained 109 criminal warrants. The arrest of these offenders greatly reduced the Part 1 crimes for the region. A subject targeting Jeep vehicles citywide was identified, and a search warrant was executed on his residence which led to his arrest and the closure of five additional theft cases. A business burglar was taken into custody after he had targeted 4 jewelry stores and was responsible for the theft of over \$55,000.00 in property. The TAC unit was responsible for the arrest and subsequent sentencing of several habitual car burglars which greatly reduced the number of vehicle burglaries. These cases were strengthened as the TAC unit maintained an aggressive approach and obtained voluntary statements of accused from the offenders. A serial home burglar linked to several home invasion style cases, was also identified and arrested. Part 1 offenses affecting the Westside regional command were greatly reduced through effective investigative efforts and attention to the developing crime patterns.

El Paso Police Training Academy



118th El Paso Police Department graduating class

Police Applicant to Police Officer

Police recruit selection for the El Paso Police Academy is a process which normally takes up to six months. The process includes a written exam, physical agility test, a background investigation, polygraph, an oral board interview, and medical and psychological exams. Once selected, the Police Academy lasts for seven months and the recruits are introduced to the Texas Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, and department policies and procedures. The recruits are also put through various physical fitness regiments, defensive tactics, and firearms proficiency classes.



2015 Applicant and academy graduate data:

Number of applicants:	2,400
Total who took exam:	1,157
Applicants who passed:	526
Applicants invited to board:	76
(after background investigation)	
Recruits starting academy:	50
Recruits graduated:	45



CRIME SCENE UNIT

Criminalistics Officers Michael Velez #1297 and Benjamin Mitchell #2017 successfully completed the examination process for certification from the International Association for Identification—Crime Scene Certification Board. The Crime Scene Certification Board is accredited by the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board.

Officer Velez received certification as a Certified Senior Crime Scene Analyst (CSCSA). Officer Velez has been with the force since 1989 and has been in the Criminalistics section since 2007.

Officer Mitchell received certification as a Certified Crime Scene Analyst (CCSA). Officer Mitchell has been with the force since 1999 and has been in the Criminalistics section since 2007.

In order to apply for certification as a Certified Crime Scene Analyst, the applicant must have at least 3 years in crime-scene related activities and have completed 96 hours of Crime Scene Certification Board approved instruction in crime scene related courses within the last 5 years.

In order to apply for certification as a Certified Senior Crime Scene Analyst, the applicant must have at least 6 years in crime-scene related activities and have completed a minimum of 144 hours of Crime Scene Certification Board approved instruction within the last 5 years.

This is the first time in the history of the El Paso Police Department that this level of certification has been attained.

Congratulations to Officer Velez and Officer Mitchell!



Officer Mike Velez #1297



Officer Benjamin Mitchell
#2017



Awarded IAI Certifications or Recertifications

Bloodstain Pattern

Kristin Grammas	Las Vegas, NV
Cory Latham	Great Bend, KS
Brigid Lockhart	Pontiac, MI
Jeremiah Morris	Olathe, KS
Donald Schuessler	Coburg, OR

Crime Scene Analyst

Kristin Gittins	Rigby, ID
Randy Glidewell	Lawrence, KS
Mark Johnson	Portland, OR
Tracy Kruse	Las Vegas, NV
Benjamin Mitchell	El Paso, TX
Lori Plummer	Oro Valley, AZ
Cheryl Stripling	Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Crime Scene Investigator

James Abdale	Gainesville, FL
Shallon Beckman	Broomfield, CO
Shayna Bernal	Scottsdale, AZ
Craig Brafford	Reynoldsburg, OH
Matthew Brittain	Pasadena, TX
Elizabeth Carlson	Huron, SD
Megan Cullen	Greensboro, NC
Lanae Donovan	Austin, TX
Stephanie Dudley	Pasadena, TX
Stephanie Fisher	Phoenix, AZ
Jody Foret	Houma, LA
Kenya Griffin	Greenwood, SC
Jonathan Jackson	Benton, LA
Janine Kentzinger	Phoenix, AZ
Erin Love	Austin, TX
Suzanne Melara	Covington, LA
Robert Oates	Columbia, SC
James Peebles Jr.	Pasadena, TX
Gavin Schmidt	Houston, TX
Jon Simm	Pasadena, TX
Amy Williams	Denver, CO

Footwear

Amanda Atkins	Forest Park, GA
Kenneth Zercie	Madison, CT

Forensic Art

Autumn Prichard-Krick	Wellington, FL
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Latent Print

Towana Aiken Harris	Virginia Beach, VA
Tyler Belknap	Cedar Park, TX
Herman Bergman	San Anselmo, CA
Diane Bodie	Irmo, SC
Floyd Bowen	Forty Fort, PA
Rupert Butcher	Pembroke Pines, FL
Rebecca Byers	Knoxville, TN

Rhonda Cadwallader	Columbus, OH
Allyson Connell	Indianapolis, IN
Jamie Craig	San Diego, CA
James Crouse	Mt. Pleasant, PA
Brian Dalrymple	Coldwater, Canada
Matthew Douglass	Miami, FL
Courtney Faber	Roanoke, VA
Robert Fitzgerald	Eclectic, AL
Carol Gorham	St. Louis, MO
David Grady	Shrewsbury, MA
Brenda Harris	Arvada, CO
Sherrie Hill	Bakersfield, CA
Mandi Hornickel	Chicago, IL
Leah Innocci	Cheyenne, WY
Timothy Jackson	Concord, NH
Anthony Johnson	Andover, MN
Anthony Koertner	Forest Park, GA
Amaliya Kovalchick	Decatur, GA
Elizabeth Lansky	Cape Coral, FL
Jennifer Laut	Albuquerque, MN
Vickram Mahadeo	Bradenton, FL
John Mastalski	Greenwich, NJ
Todd McCrohan	Missouri City, TX
Stacey McNab	Griffin, GA
Danielle Merritt	Falls Church, VA
Laurence Miller	Evanston, IL
Michael Norbut	Dowell, IL
Gregory Parks	Upper Marlboro, MD
Gayle Peters	Montgomery, AL
Albert Rowland	Anchorage, AK
Allan Ruprecht	Dearborn Heights, MI
Daniel Saletel	Duluth, MN
Daniel Schrader	Buford, GA
Dawn Watkins	Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Derrick Weems	Elkridge, MD
Summer Yonley	Morgantown, WV

Senior Crime Scene Analyst

Deborah Elwell	Wellington, FL
Tracey Gold	Mt. Juliet, TN
Tracy MacDougall	Minneapolis, MN
Aimee Oxley	Jackson, TN
Michael Velez	El Paso, TX
Marilyn Wagner	Durham, NC
Alicia Wilcox	Waterville, ME
Michael Wiltsey	Hainesport, NJ

Tenprint

Loreen Bast	Bonney Lake, WA
David Cotton	Nutter Fort, WV
Annette Hoffman	Santee, CA
Deborah Slamen	Monongah, WV
Rebecca Stickler	Shinnston, WV
Jeannette West	Fife, WA

Mobile I.D. Device on Patrol

In 2010 the El Paso Police Department was one of the first departments in the U.S. to start using mobile I.D. devices. These devices allowed officers the capability to positively identify individuals while still in the field. These first generation devices did have some drawbacks; things such as bulkiness and transmission of data from the car to AFIS, but the biggest was the inability to check DPS and FBI wanted databases which was not available at the time.

In June of 2015 the department traded up to the newer generation mobile device which was much smaller, lighter and most of all programmed to allow for the transmission of data back and forth between the device, our local wanted database, the DPS wanted database and the FBI Repository for Individuals of Special Concern (RISC) database. Since that time the devices have not only positively identified hundreds of individuals, many with outstanding local warrants, but have identified at least 30 individuals listed in the F.B.I. RISC. This database includes wanted individuals, suspected terrorists, sex offenders and other persons of special interest.



These mobile electronic fingerprint readers, about the size of a personal cell phone, have helped officers in the field positively identify numerous persons. The response is usually within 3 minutes and will advise as to persons wanted on local and federal charges.

AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE

The Worth Seamon Award recognizes law enforcement officers who have excelled in auto theft investigations involving recovery of stolen vehicles and apprehension of repeat vehicle theft offenders as well as a shared common interest in solving vehicle theft problems.

Congratulations to Officer Robert Salido #2040 and Officer Robert Concha #1985 for being the recipients of the Texas Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators "Worth Seamon Award" for the State of Texas. The two officers work hard to assist anyone requesting their help on cases related to auto and motorcycle thefts. Officers Salido and Concha currently pull double duty with the ATTF and the FBI Task Force as Special Federal Officers. Both officers work a variety of cases involving major theft, organized criminal activity groups, undercover operations, federal search warrants and arrests of violent offenders, and crimes against children.



Auto Theft Prevention & Awareness



The ATTF is funded by a grant from the Auto Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA). A portion of the funding was used to transform a former undercover vehicle into a visual public awareness vehicle. The artwork, design and implementation of the project was completed by the ATTF Public Awareness Team and the ABTPA. The vehicle displays the simple messages, "Think Like a Thief" and "Protect It, It's Yours", which are used by ABTPA statewide to promote auto theft and burglary awareness and prevention. The vehicle is used at public event sites, parades and daily use to promote auto burglary and theft prevention.



40 Years of service to the EPPD

In August 2015, the department proudly celebrated the 40th anniversary of two oldies but goodies, Officer Louie Reta #504 of the MVRC and Manuel Alvarez III # 486 of the CRCC.

Both officers were commissioned with the EPPD on August 29, 1975 when Gerald Ford was president, the average price of gas was 44 cents a gallon, the average cost of a new house was \$39,300.00, corduroy bell bottom pants, men's turtlenecks and butterfly collars were super cool, and "Jive Talkin" by the Bee Gee's was a #1 Hit.

Since they joined the department, there have been seven U.S. presidents and eight police chiefs, as well as countless changes within the police department and in the laws we enforce.

In addition to these two officers, the EPPD is proud to have an additional seven officers with 34 to 39 years of experience. These officers rank from officers still working in patrol, to Chief of Police.

Lieutenant James Lockhart #620 (38 years)

Chief Greg Allen #646 (37 years)

Officer Jesus Rodriguez #682 (37 years)

Officer Edward Saucedo #686 (37 years)

Officer Lorenzo Hernandez #744 (35 years)

Sergeant Pete Herrera #767 (34 years)

Officer Juan Montelongo #776 (34 years)

Thank you and congratulations to all officers for a lifetime of dedication and service to the City of El Paso!



Sgt. C. Vasquez presenting award to Officer Luis Reta

VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

November 11, 2015 was Veteran's Day and a time to celebrate and honor veterans for their patriotism, sacrifice, and service to country. The City of El Paso has a special bond with veterans because of its close relationship with nearby Fort Bliss, a post of 30,000 soldiers and 10,000 civilian employees. Businesses and government agencies strongly support the military and appreciate their presence in the community.



(L to R) Officer G. Sagaribay #2039 and Officer M. Contreras #1273



(L to R) Detective A. Fonseca #1991 and Detective S. Richardson #2662

The City of El Paso honored employees who are veterans at a luncheon at the El Paso Convention Center. City employees from all departments attended the luncheon and included Officers with the El Paso Police Department. The police department alone has 307 employees who served their country with either the Navy, Army, Air Force, or Marines. Officers within the police department also received recognition for their military service in the form of a certificate and uniform ribbon.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day has been observed since the early 1900s to recognize the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present, and future.

On March 24, 2015, City Representative Emma Acosta recognized the female employees of the City. A plaque was presented to City Representatives Courtney Niland, Lilly Limón, Claudia Ordaz, Ann Lilly as well as a number of high-ranking female City employees and elected officials. Assistant Chief Michelle Gardner #1049, the highest ranking among the 117 female police officers, was recognized for her 27 years of service and dedication to the City of El Paso and the El Paso Police Department.

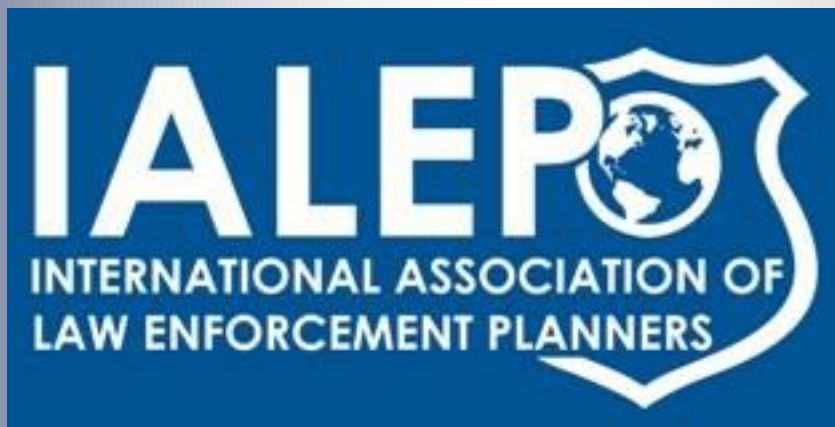


International Women's Day



IALEP Training in St Louis, MO

The Planning and Research team joined the International Association of Law Enforcement Planners (IALEP). Founded in 1991, IALEP has nearly 1000 law enforcement professionals from around the world and offers a collegial forum which facilitates the sharing of information among its members. Members share information about planning, policy, budget, performance measures, research and many more law enforcement related topics. IALEP also provides advanced training and annual seminars and conferences for law enforcement planners. The EPPD planning team attended the week long Police Planners Course hosted by the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department at the new headquarters building in downtown St. Louis, MO. The team received extensive training led by head instructor Peter Bellmio, a criminal justice analyst and law enforcement consultant. The affiliation with IALEP has equipped the EPPD planning staff with the tools necessary to meet challenges into the 21st century as they earn their national planning certification.



SHAPE IT UP, EL PASO!



The City of El Paso's "Shape it Up" fitness program was kicked off in September at the El Paso Police Academy. The program is available to all city employees who are eligible to enroll in the City's health plan. The City of El Paso will pay up to \$150.00 monthly based on the overall average fitness score of six physical fitness tests or the alternative biometric tests. Employees from various city departments attended the kickoff event along with the El Paso Chihuahuas Triple A baseball team mascot "Chico", and the City of El Paso mascot "Amigo Man".

Physical Fitness Tests

- 1) 1.5 Mile Run
- 2) 1 Repetition Maximum Bench Press
- 3) Sit Up (1 min)
- 4) Push Up (1 min)

Biometric Tests

- 1) Tobacco Use
- 2) Body Fat %
- 3) Systolic BP
- 4) Diastolic BP
- 5) Waist Measurement
- 6) Cholesterol/HDL Ratio
- 7) LDL
- 8) Triglycerides



Tactical Flight Officers

In August, 2015, the newly created Tactical Flight Officer (TFO) position began with the selection of Officer Robert Looney and Officer Richard Talamantes to work under the Specialized Critical Incidents Teams in a joint collaboration with the Texas Department of Public Safety to provide aerial support to field operations personnel. Officer Looney EPPD-TFO explained, "We assist DPS Troopers, Border Patrol and any other agency that requests assistance throughout West Texas. We have assisted in rescue operations, foot/vehicle pursuits, subjects with guns, suspicious subjects/vehicles, and even family disturbances."



(left to right) DPS T.F.O. Matthew Rodriguez, DPS Capt. Shon Parker, EPPD T.F.O. Richard Talamantes, EPPD T.F.O. Robert Looney, DPST.F.O. DJ. Pearson, DPS Lt. Luis Reta.



T.F.O. Richard Talamantes and T.F.O. Robert Looney (EPPD)

New C.R.A.S.H. Reporting System

El Paso Police Officers began using a new crash reporting system on January 1, 2015. The new system is a secure web-based system for officers to submit Texas Peace Officer's Crash Reports electronically to the state. The system is maintained by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) who also provides training and an online help desk.

The new system helps reduce the amount of time that officers take to complete crash reports by up to 30%. Other benefits of the system include lower cost and higher accuracy. There is the ability to easily supplement a completed crash report, less administrative burden in crash report management, and no crash report returns from TxDOT. The new system also has embedded online help, easy error correction, easy street draw, and the ability to generate a preview of crash documents during data



The CRASH system includes the following features:

- Ability to enter crash data over any Internet connection
- Process supplement reports easily
- Integrated diagramming tool
- Auto population of fields
- Touch-screen capability
- Use of intersection templates

C.R.A.S.H.

Crash Reporting and Analysis for Safer Highways

National Night Out 2015

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Together, we are making that happen. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Neighborhoods across the nation host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and other various community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel and exhibits. (National Association of Town Watch –NATW)



Mayor Oscar Leeser meets with various members of the community along with El Paso Police officers to officially kick off the 2015 annual National Night Out event.

El Paso Police Explorers

The El Paso Police Explorers attended the two-day bi-annual national competition May 8th and 9th at Andress High School where they competed against other federal, state, and county explorers in several law enforcement related categories such as active shooter, arrest and search, felony traffic stop and many more. The competition is comprised of events that demonstrate and reinforce skills that the young explorers work year-round to master. They placed first in the categories of active shooter, felony traffic stop and air pistols and their hard work and dedication earned them ranking in the top three regionally and in the top ten nationally. The El Paso Police Explorers Program has approximately 100 members ranging between the ages of 14 and 20. The explorers meet at their respective regional commands once a week in preparation for competition.



Left to right: Juan Siller, Miguel Lopez, Jennifer Antuna, and Chris Subia.



Left to right: Jose Loya, Noel Vargas, Cameron Smith, and Skyla Draven

Borderland Challenge 2015

Sunshine Christian School

Community Helpers



The school administrators of Sunshine Christian Elementary School stressed the importance of educating the children on the many different people that help keep the community safe.

In September, the children each picked a vital community helper occupation to represent during the Community Helpers walk. The children walked several blocks representing their chosen community helper. At the conclusion of the walk, officers gave a presentation to parents and the students on child safety, gun safety, and stranger danger.

Hometown Heroes

Hometown Heroes:

“Our country enjoys so many freedoms thanks to the heroes who fight to protect them in the military. Our streets are safer thanks to the heroes who patrol our neighborhoods. Our children are loved and well educated, giving our world a future, thanks to the heroes who teach them in the classroom. Our poor and hungry are cared for thanks to the heroes who give of themselves fulltime to care for those in need. Our homes are protected thanks to the heroes who fight fire with their sweat and hard work. Our families are healthy thanks to the heroes who make it their mission in life. Our country and our communities are a better place to live thanks to the heroes who serve.”

www.hometownheroes.com



West Side Regional Command Officer Saul Villalobos was honored as a Hometown Hero for 2015. Prudential El Paso awarded Officer Villalobos for his continued service as a volunteer to the Special Olympics, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and for assisting the “Make a Wish Foundation”.



The Westside Regional Command PAR office was contacted in August 2015, by Rocio Chacon of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. She informed officers that Alexis Calleros, 4 years old, was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease and his wish was to become a police officer. The EPPD overwhelmingly responded and on September 19, 2015, Alexis' wish came true. Judge Carlos Carrasco swore in Alexis Calleros as an honorary El Paso Police Officer. Chief Gregory Allen pinned a special badge on Alexis, appointing him as Assistant Chief. Local area businesses volunteered their time and talents, donated items and came out to assist with this event. An article of this event was also included in "The City" magazine by Andy Martinez.



TURKEY BOWL 2015

The 3rd annual Turkey Bowl Flag Football Tournament is organized by the El Paso Municipal Police Officers Association (EPMPOA) to benefit the Ben Ayala Scholarship Fund which provides college funding to children of EPPD officers, and the COPS Helping Kids Fund which assists needy children with new clothing and school supplies. Despite the cold and windy weather, there was a great showing and the two time defending champion Pebble Hills team was knocked off. The HQ Narcotics team came through with a take-no-prisoner attitude to take the crown. It was a great time for family and friends to come out and enjoy some football, making it a memorable day for all. Special thanks to Officer R. Pragner #2271, EPMPOA Representative, for taking the time to get this event together.



RETIREMENTS

Charles Harvey—Lieutenant

John Harper— Detective

Rodney Liston— Lieutenant

Glenn Shelley— Sergeant

Steve Romero— Officer

Steven Crank—Officer

Raul Lom—Officer

Gabriel De La Hoya—Detective

Javier Perez—Detective

Paul Ramsey—Sergeant

Jose Gonzalez—Officer

Orlando Diaz—Officer

Carlos Contreras—Detective

Monica Pennington—Detective

Christopher Mears—Sergeant

Adrian Medina—Lieutenant

Jose Guerra—Detective

David De Coste—Detective

Robert Feidner—Asst. Chief

Benjamin Munoz—Officer

Miguel Zamora—Lieutenant

Miguel Vega—Detective

Anna Bowling—Sergeant

Jose Villalobos—Detective

Kyle Summers—Lieutenant

Jesse Mireles—Sergeant

Leonard Harris—Sergeant

Christina Callahan—Detective

Robert Daniels—Officer

Tyler Grossman—Lieutenant

Jaime Munoz—Officer

Raymond Chaires—Commander

Bryant Audirsch—Sergeant

Stephen Martinez—Officer

2015 AWARDS

Lifesaving Award

The Life Saving Award is given to any officer, civilian, or volunteer member of the Department who has rendered exceptional first aid or made a successful rescue attempt, the lack of which would have resulted in the victim losing his or her life

Juan A. Escobedo #2247

Jose L. Lopez #1953

Kenneth J. High #2974

Diego Solis #2773

Lori S. Piñon #2582

Dominic Chacon #2893

Raul I. Puentes-Lowry #2845

Kevin L. Ripley #3028

Daniel Torres #2882

Ricardo Hernandez #3010

Luis F. Jurado-Rojas #2908

Luis Cortez #2185

Chiefs Award

The Chief's Award is given to an individual, outside agency, school, college, civic group, or club in recognition of an extraordinary contribution to law enforcement, public safety, and/or welfare of the community.

Sergeant 1st Class Lynnette Roslyn Shearwood

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Jaime Cordero #1878

UNIT OF THE YEAR

Crimes Against Children

DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR

Lucas A. Cervantes #2184

FIELD TRAINING OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Victor G. Abascal #2231

SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

Gabriel Peralta #1923

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR

Rosa Salazar C738

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Saul A. Villalobos #2053

CIVILIAN UNIT OF THE YEAR

Photo Lab

PROMOTIONS

ASSISTANT CHIEF

Victor Zarur #1515

SERGEANT

Michael R. Chavez #2489

Javier R. Reyes #2274

John G. Chavez #2502

Jeremy Ontiveros #2152

Jeremiah Poust #2451

John Van Valen #2432

Tyson E. Lee #2456

Adrian Ontiveros #2338

Falisha A. Milner #2643

Frank L. Rodriguez Jr #2157

Jeffrey M. Clifford #2446

Sherwin L. Lacsamana #2497

DETECTIVE

Philip F. Amato #1976

Edgar Armendariz #2720

Lizeth Ontiveros #2649

Jose A. Martinez #2209

Charles D. Vera #2883

Charles Harmon III #2137

Karla P. Diaz #2897

Robert L. Romero #2276

John R. Sanchez #1967

Ernesto Silva Jr #2920

Manuel Gonzalez Jr #2563

Jose L. Rosales #2879

James F. Carey #2238

Amy Flores #2801

Edward J. Granados #2867

Michael Hernandez #2415

Eduardo Castanon Jr #2729

Edward J. Flores #2852

Daniel A. Gonzales Jr #2697

Alejandro Dominguez #1946

Daniel Garnica #2251

Andrew S. Hagler #2413

Candace R. Pacheco #2555

Thomas A. Ibarra #2868

FALLEN OFFICERS



Thomas Moad
Asst. City Marshal
July 11, 1883



Newton Stewart
Officer
Feb 17, 1900



William Paschal
Officer
Dec 4, 1914



Gus Chitwood
Officer
Feb 13, 1915



Sydney J. Benson
Officer
June 28, 1917



Juan N. Garcia, Jr.
Special Police Agent
Feb 1, 1918



Octaviano Perea
Officer
Feb 2, 1918



George F. Drake
Officer
Sept. 22, 1918



Harry Phoenix
Captain
June 13, 1921



Frank Burns
Detective
April 12, 1923



Enrique Rivera
Special Officer
Nov 25, 1923



John J. Coleman
Detective
July 14, 1924



Lynn McClintock
Officer
Oct 2, 1926



Schuyler C. Houston
Captain
Oct 4, 1927



Ralph Marmolejo
Detective
Mar 17, 1951



Warren Mitchell
Officer
May 16, 1953



Guillermo Sanchez
Detective
Dec 14, 1957



Arthur Lavender
Officer
Dec 16, 1966



Roger Hamilton
Officer
June 21, 1970



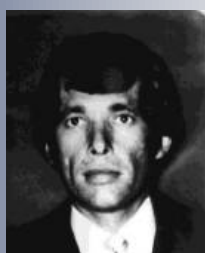
Guy Myers
Officer
July 24, 1970



David Bannister
Officer
June 3, 1974



Wayne Carreon
Officer
June 27, 1980



Charles Heinrich
Detective
Aug 29, 1985



Norman Montion
Detective
Oct 16, 1989



Ernesto Serna
Officer
Nov 12, 1991



A. Andrew Barcena
Officer
Sept 25, 2004



Karl McDonough
Officer
Oct 13, 2010



Jonathan K. Molina
Officer
Oct 5, 2012



Angel D. Garcia
Officer
Dec 16, 2012

POLICE CROSS



Adrian Arellano
Officer
Mar 18, 2015



Officer Adrian Arellano #2397 was killed when his funeral escort motorcycle collided with another vehicle at North Yarbrough Drive and Edgemere Boulevard. Officer Arellano was escorting a funeral procession through the intersection when the driver of a sedan disregarded another officer's signals and entered the intersection. Officer Arellano's motorcycle struck the vehicle causing him to be thrown to the ground. He was transported to Del Sol Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries. Officer Arellano had served with the El Paso Police Department for 10 years and was 39 years old. He is survived by his wife, son, and parents.

Looking Back...



E.M. WILSON. M. F. SHERREK. CUS. YARBRO. TOM. YORK. F.W. NEWELL. W. R. HAWKINS. JOHN. WOOD

...Moving Forward



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